

HUMAN RIGHTS

Status of International Instruments
as at 31 December 1991

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Afghanistan	x	x			x	x		x	x	s	s	x
Albania	x	x							x	s		x
Algeria	x	x _a	x		x _b	x	x	x		s		
Angola							x			x	x	x
Antigua and Barbuda					x	x	x	x		s	x	x
Argentina	x	x _a	x		x	x		x		x	x	x
Australia	x	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x
Austria	x	x _a	x		x			x		s	x	x
Bahamas					x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Bahrain					x	x		x				
Bangladesh					x	x				x	x	
Barbados	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Belarus	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Belgium	x	x _a		s	x			x		x	x	x
Belize										x	x	
Benin					s	x	s			x	s	
Bhutan					s					x	x	
Bolivia	x	x	x		x	x	x	s	x	x	s	x
Botswana					x					x	x	x
Brazil					x			x		x	x	x
Brunei Darussalam												
Bulgaria	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Burkina Faso					x	x	x	x		x	x	
Burma, see Myanmar												
Burundi	x	x			x	x	s			x	s	
Cambodia	s	s			x	x		x		x	x	
Cameroon	x	x	x		x	x	s		x	s	s	
Canada	x	x _a	x		x	x		x		x	x	x
Cape Verde					x	x	s				x	
Central African Republic	x	x	x		x	x	s			s		x
Chad					x	x				x		

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(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	
x		x	x	x	x	x	x						Afghanistan
		s			x	x	x						Albania
		x _c			x	x	x		x	x	x		Algeria
													Angola
x	x		x	x	x	x			x	x	x		Antigua and Barbuda
x	x	x _c	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		Argentina
x	x	x _c	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x		Australia
x	x		x	x	x	x			x	x	x		Austria
x			x	x	x	x							Bahamas
			x	x	x	x							Bahrain
			x	x	x	x	x						Bangladesh
x	x		x	x	x	x							Barbados
x		x	x	x	x	x	x						Belarus
s		s	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		Belgium
		x											Belize
	x		x										Benin
													Bhutan
		s	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Bolivia
			x	x	x				x	x	x		Botswana
x	x	x			x	x	x		s	x	x		Brazil
x		x	x										Brunei Darussalam
	x					x	x						Bulgaria
	x						x						Burkina Faso
													Burma, see Myanmar
													Burundi
													Cambodia
		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x		Cameroon
x		x _c	x	x	x	x			x	x	x		Canada
							x						Cape Verde
			x										Central African Republic
													Chad

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Chile	X	Xa			X	X		X		X	X	X
China					X	X		X		X	X	X
Colombia	X	X	X									
Comoros					X	X					X	X
Congo	X	Xa	X		Xb	X		X		X	X	X
Costa Rica	X	X	X	s	X	X		X		X	X	X
Côte d'Ivoire					X	X		X		X	X	X
Cuba					X	X		X		X	X	X
Cyprus	X	X	s		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Czechoslovakia	X	Xa	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	X	X						X		X	X	X
Denmark	X	Xa	X	s	Xb					X	X	X
Djibouti										X	X	X
Dominica								s		X	X	X
Dominican Republic	X	X	X		X					X	X	X
Ecuador	X	Xa	X		Xb	X		X	X	X	X	X
Egypt	X	X			X	X		X		X	X	s
El Salvador	X	X	s		X	X		X		X	X	X
Equatorial Guinea	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Estonia	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Ethiopia					X			X		X	X	X
Fiji				X	X			X		X	X	X
Finland	X	Xa	X		X			X		X	X	X
France	X	X	X		Xb					X	X	X
Gabon	X	X			X	X	s	X	X	X	X	X
Gambia	X	Xa	X		X	X	X*	X	X	X*	X	X
Germany	X	Xa		X*	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Ghana					X			X		X	X	X
Greece	X				s						X	X
Grenada	X	X									X	X

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s	s	X								X	X		Chile
s		X							s	X	X		China
		X	s							X	X		Colombia
										X	X		Comoros
			X							X	X		Congo
						X				X	X		Costa Rica
										X	X		Côte d'Ivoire
X	X	s	X	X		X				X	X		Cuba
X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X		Cyprus
		X				X				X	X		Czechoslovakia
		Xc	X	X		X			X	X	X		Dem. People's Rep. of Korea
X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X		Denmark
		s	s						s	X	X		Djibouti
		Xc	X	X		X				X	X		Dominica
X		Xc	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Dominican Republic
										X	X		Ecuador
			X							X	X		Egypt
										X	X		El Salvador
										X	X		Equatorial Guinea
										X	X		Estonia
X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Ethiopia
X	X	s	Xc	X	X	X	X			X	X		Fiji
										X	X		Finland
										X	X		France
										X	X		Gabon
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X*	X	X	X		Gambia
			Xc	X	X	X	X			X	X		Germany
										X	X		Ghana
										X	X		Greece
										X	X		Grenada

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Guatemala	X			X				X	X	X	X	
Guinea	X	X	s	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Guinea-Bissau						s			X	X		
Guyana	X	X			X	X			X	X		
Haiti		X		X	X	s	X			X	X	
Holy See				X						X		
Honduras	X	s	s	s			X		X	X		
Hungary	X	Xa	X	Xb	X	s	X	X	X	X	X	
Iceland	X	Xa	X	Xb	X		X		s	X	X	
India	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X	
Indonesia						s			X	X	X	
Iran (Islamic Rep.)	X	X		X	X	X	X		s			
Iraq	X	X		X	X	X	X			X		
Ireland	X	Xa	X	s			X		s	X	X	
Israel	X	X		X			X			X	X	
Italy	X	Xa	X	s	Xb		X			X	X	
Jamaica	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Japan	X	X							s	X	X	
Jordan	X	X		X	s	X	X		X	s		
Kenya	X	X			s	s		X	X	X		
Kiribati												
Kuwait				X	X				X			
Lao People's Dem. Rep.				X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Lebanon	X	X		X		s	X		X	X	X	
Lesotho				X	X		X		s	s	X	
Liberia	s	s		X	X	s	X		s	X	s	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X	
Liechtenstein									s			
Lithuania	X	X	X									
Luxembourg	X	Xa	X	s	X		X		s	X	X	

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X	X	X	X	X	X	X			s	X	X		Guatemala
s	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		Guinea
		X								X	X		Guinea-Bissau
			X			X	X			X	X		Guyana
									s				Haiti
									s	X	X		Holy See
X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Honduras
X	X	s	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Hungary
s		s	X	X	X	X	X						Iceland
													India
		s				X	s			X	X		Indonesia
			s	X	X	X	X			X	X		Iran (Islamic Rep.)
				X	X	X	X						Iraq
X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Ireland
X	s	X	X	X	X	X	X	s	X	X	X		Israel
	s	Xc	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		Italy
X					X	X	X			X	X		Jamaica
		X			X	X	X			X	X		Japan
					X	X	X			X	X		Jordan
													Kenya
								X	X				Kiribati
					X	X	X						Kuwait
			X			X	X						Lao People's Dem. Rep.
X					X	X	X		X	X	X		Lebanon
									X	X	X		Lesotho
			X	X	X	s	s		X	X	X		Liberia
X	X	Xc			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
									s				Liechtenstein
X		Xc			X	X			X	X	X		Lithuania
										X	X		Luxembourg

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Madagascar	X	X	X		X	X	s			X	X	X
Malawi										X	X	X
Malaysia							s					
Maldives					X	X	s			X		
Mali	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Malta	X	Xa	X		X	X				X	X	X
Mauritania					X	X				X	X	X
Mauritius	X	X	X		X	X				X	X	X
Mexico	X	X			X	X	X	X	s	X	X	X
Monaco												
Mongolia	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Morocco	X	X			X		s	X		s		X
Mozambique					X	X		X		s		
Myanmar							X			X		s
Namibia					X	X						
Nauru										X	X	X
Nepal	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Netherlands	X	Xa	X	X	Xb			X		s	X	X
New Zealand	X	Xa	X	X	X			X		s	X	X
Nicaragua	X	X	X	s	X	X	s	X	X	X	X	X
Niger	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X
Nigeria					X	X		X		X	X	X
Norway	X	Xa	X	X	Xb			X		X	X	X
Oman												
Pakistan					X	X	X			X	X	X
Panama	X	X	X		X	X	s			X	X	X
Papua New Guinea					X			X		s	X	X
Paraguay										X	X	X
Peru	X	Xa	X		Xb	X	X			X	X	X
Philippines	X	Xa	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Poland	X	Xa	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X

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X					X	X				X			Madagascar
X					X	X	X			X			Malawi
						X							Malaysia
X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Maldives
X		Xc											Mali
X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Malta
X			X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Mauritania
	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Mauritius
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					s	Mexico
			X	X	X	X	X			X		s	Monaco
		s	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	s	Mongolia
			X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Morocco
			X	X	X					X	X		Mozambique
				X	X								Myanmar
								s					Namibia
													Nauru
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		Nepal
X	X	Xc	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		Netherlands
X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		New Zealand
X		s	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		Nicaragua
		Xc	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		Niger
X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Nigeria
										X	X		Norway
													Oman
s					X	X	X						Pakistan
		X	s							X	X		Panama
					X					X	X		Papua New Guinea
		X								X	X		Paraguay
	X	X								X	X		Peru
X	X									X	X		Philippines
X	X									X	X		Poland

States	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Trinidad and Tobago	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
Tunisia	X	X			X	X	X	X	s	X	X	
Turkey					s			X		s	X	X
Tuvalu												
Uganda	X				X	X	X			X	X	
Ukraine	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Union of Soviet Socialist Rep.	X	X	X		Xb	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
United Arab Emirates					X	X						
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	X	Xa			X			X		X	X	X
United Republic of Tanzania	X	X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X
United States of America	s	s			s			X		s	X	
Uruguay	X	X	X	s	Xb	X	X			X	X	s
Vanuatu										s		
Venezuela	X	X	X	s	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Viet Nam	X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	
Yemen	X	X			X	X**	s	X	X	X	X	X
Yugoslavia	X	X	s		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zaire	X	X	X		X	X	s	X		X	X	X
Zambia	X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X
Zimbabwe	X	Xa			X	X	X	X		X	X	
TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES PARTIES	104	100	61	12	130	92	54	103	32	108	111	96
Signatures not followed by ratification	3	4	5	9	6	2	28	3	1	35	12	4

x Ratification, accession, approval, notification or succession, acceptance or definitive signature.
s Signature not yet followed by ratification.

* Ratification, accession, approval, notification or succession, acceptance or definitive signature which have been given only by the former German Democratic Republic before the reunification.

** Ratification, accession, approval, notification or succession, acceptance or definitive signature which have been given only by the former Republic of Yemen.

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Trinidad and Tobago	X	X				X	X			X			
Tunisia	X	X	Xc			X	X			X	X	X	
Turkey			Xc	X	X	X	X				X	X	
Tuvalu											X	X	
Uganda	X		X			X	X			X	X	X	
Ukraine	X	X	X			X	X	X					
Union of Soviet Socialist Rep.	X		Xc			X	X	X					
United Arab Emirates													
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		X	Xd	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
United Republic of Tanzania	X					X	X				X	X	
United States of America		s	s	X	X	X	X				X	X	
Uruguay	s		Xc	s							X	X	
Vanuatu													
Venezuela	X	X	X									X	
Viet Nam													
Yemen		X	X			X		X**			X**	X**	
Yugoslavia	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Zaire							X				X	X	
Zambia	X					X	X			X	X	X	
Zimbabwe											X	X	
TOTAL NUMBER OF STATES PARTIES	57	36	64	69	54	87	104	61	16	36	107	108	
Signatures not followed by ratification	8	8	15	6	0	0	3	5	3	8	0	0	3

a Declaration recognizing the competence of the Human Rights Committee under article 41 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

b Declaration recognizing the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination under article 14 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

c Declarations recognizing the competence of the Committee against Torture under articles 21 and 22 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

d Declaration under article 21 only.

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